

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the reason I am doing this is because the 8th falls on a Friday, the 11th would be on a Monday. If this bracket motion is successful, and if there are other bills that would be handled in the same way, such as Senator Will's bill, which I don't like anyway, I would rather this all happened on the first day of the week, instead of at the end of the week. I don't like LB 37. I think, as Senator Moore said, there should be some concern about whether the votes are here to pass the bill. This issue is underscoring what people don't like to mention in here, and the World-Herald excoriates anybody who states that fact of life, what I am talking about is the obvious rural-urban split. That is always going to be in evidence when a certain decision is going to favor rural Nebraska at the expense of urban Nebraska, and vice versa. To pretend that these differences don't exist is to ignore reality. I am going to support Senator Hall's amendment, not just because I am opposed to LB 37, but if it does set some kind of precedent for the rest of the session, it will give us a modicum of order in terms of how we will proceed. Naturally, for my purposes, the more disorder the better, so I don't really care from the standpoint of just trying to make everything better for everybody else, but there comes a point where some issues are going to be interlocked. There is no way that I would support adding anything to this bill that would allow Omaha or Lincoln to impose additional sales tax, and if those who support LB 37 would agree to such a thing, then they can get ready for eight hours on Select File, and hope they have 33 votes for cloture because I assure you that's what I will do. And I am going to assure you of something else. I will not do as some senators do when they feel a momentary anger or disappointment and say, then I am going to fight this bill. Usually that crumbles and collapses and everybody knows it. So even when Governor...Governor Thone, oh, I mean, Governor Me Too, thank you, Senator Lindsay, when Governor Me Too, over there talks about every senator has a potential atomic bomb by threatening a filibuster, nobody else is going to carry through on it. You all know it, I know it, Governor Me Too knows it, and even before I will do it, it has to be something that to me has profound significance and meaning. There are a lot of bills that come through here with which I disagree. I disagreed with Senator Matzke's hazing bill in the form that he offered it, but I didn't try to stop it. It is not that significant to me, and on that one I think the courts will do the job. There are other bills with which I disagree that I don't even comment on because the significance is not worthy of that. But we all have our